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in the use of them as the basis for secondary books. The valuable results of this specialization gained him several honorary degrees and membership in various learned societies, including the American Catholic Historical Association, of which he was president.

Chosen by the George Washington Bicentennial Commission to edit a new complete compilation of the Writings of George Washington "from the original manuscript sources," he gave the last ten years or more of his life to this crowning task, for which his whole earlier career both as archivist and historical editor had prepared him. When he died on February 10, 1940, twenty-six of the volumes had been issued, and the work on the final eleven volumes of the text practically completed, as they were all in final page proof except for a few items in the Appendix and merely awaited the necessary further appropriation for their printing and binding.

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# INTRODUCTION

The preparation of the indexes of this edition of the Writings of George Washington has been a task apart from the editing of the text and from the beginning in the hands of the undersigned. The indexes of the separate volumes were prepared with special attention to their combination in a general index, so that these final volumes of the set are based upon the separate indexes. The material has, however, been gone over carefully and various changes and corrections made, including those due to the fact that occasionally letters or notes were shifted after the index to the volume was made and without the knowledge of the indexer. Volume references are in black-faced numerals and followed by a period.

This general index is intended to *supersede the separate indexes* in all respects except the following: (1) The editor compiled an alphabetical list of the letters and other material in the text, and this list follows the general index. References to "letters to" in the separate indexes have, therefore, been excluded from this general index except in the cases where the letters do not appear in the list, mainly those in notes and not written by or for Washington. Where there are letters in the list to titles in the index the titles are followed by an asterisk (*) as a general reference to the list. (2) The calendaring of the general orders of the Continental Army and the orders of the Virginia Regiment being chronological in the separate indexes, it has been omitted from the general index; but the topical analysis of the material in the orders continues in this index. (3) All references to those who wrote the drafts or letters contained in the text are given in the separate indexes; but in the general index reference is

made in most cases to the first and last notations only. Acknowledgments to those who have furnished material or from whose collections material comes are entered in the general index under the first reference only, and this is also the case of reference to general depositories or collections of manuscripts, and to cited works.

The analysis of this general index is of two parts; that which concerns particular persons, especially George Washington, and that which concerns events, that is, the history of the period covered by the text. For the most part the personal analysis is complete under the title of the person concerned; but there are occasional cross references, and under the title Washington, George, the cross references are of major importance. Cross references are a necessary feature of any analysis of historical material as extensive as that in this series of writings, especially an analysis that culminates in a few general titles, so that much of the material which is a part of a general title must be looked for under the cross references which follow its items. Occasionally a cross reference is inserted immediately after a somewhat general subtitle in the body of a title, to show where the material is more particularly itemized. Also in various cases a group of references within a title having a general subtitle is itemized after that subtitle and a colon, the end of the group being indicated by an em (—) dash. Occasionally this is carried to the point of dividing the title into paragraphs. The analysis of the historical material culminates in the titles Economic conditions, Geography, Government, and Social conditions.

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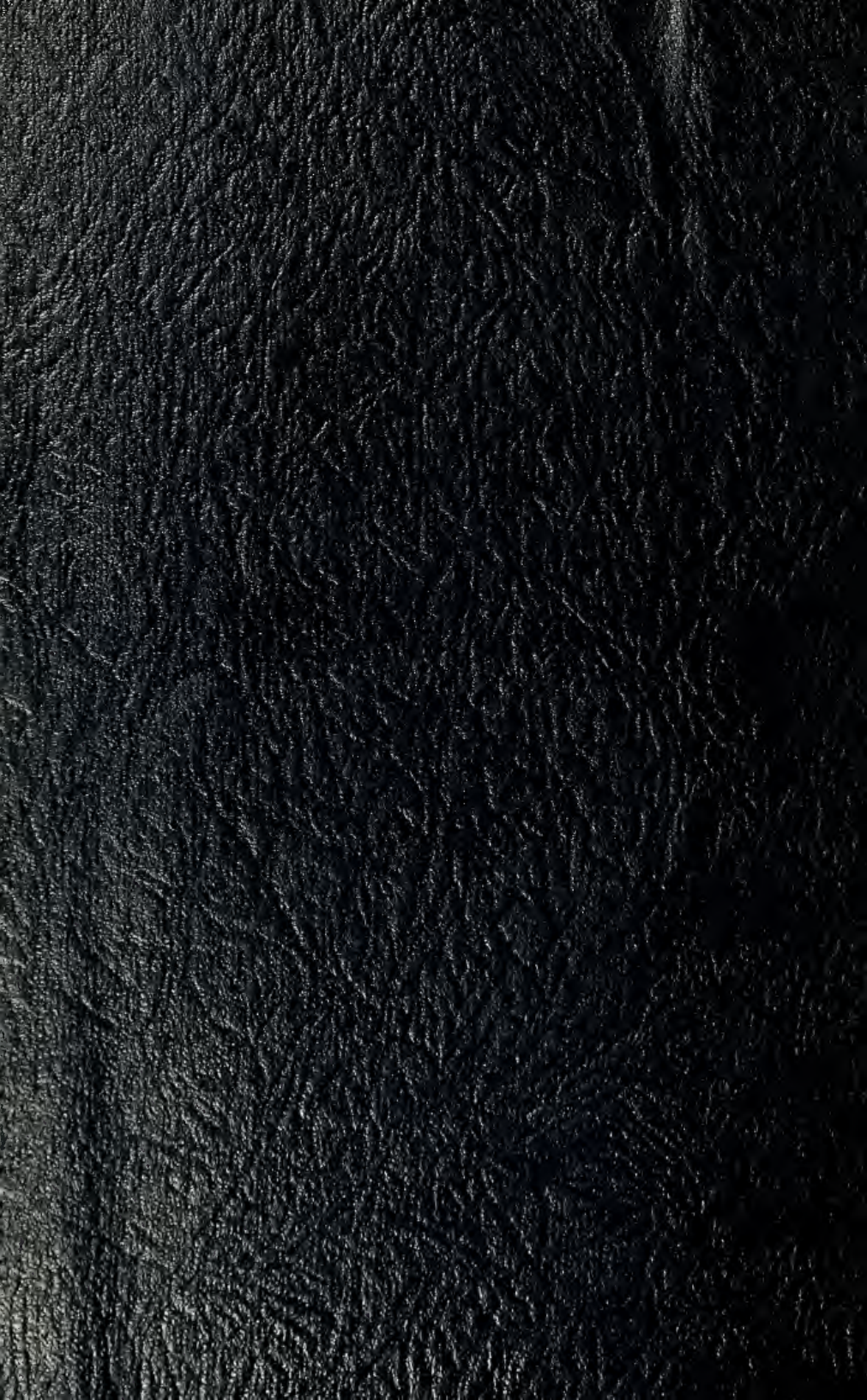
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